



Ohio Deaf and Blind Education Services

Mike DeWine, Governor
Dr. Christopher Woolard, Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction
Dr. Lou Maynus, Superintendent

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Dear Stakeholders,

We are pleased to share that the legislature and Governor DeWine approved our 2024-2025 Operating Budget. The budget includes our structural change to the Ohio Deaf and Blind Education Services (ODBES). As discussed in our stakeholder planning meetings, the Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD) and the Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB) will remain as separate schools. Under one agency, we will support the unique instructional and environmental needs of our deaf and blind students while furthering a vision of cohesion and collaboration. Our Statewide Services and Outreach division will continue to grow and provide technical support to districts and families in all eighty-eight counties. Our early learning supports will continue to thrive.

The funding approved in the operating budget will allow for increasing the number of instructional aides to support student learning, curriculum materials, a nurse supervisor, a high school teacher for each school, and a tour bus for the long trips to other deaf and blind schools for athletic and other events.

We serve with a strong mindset of continuous improvement for all deaf and blind students in our school buildings and across Ohio. We believe Governor DeWine's continued support with the approved budget allocation and structural change will further this vision.

Respectfully,

Lou Maynus, Ed.D., Ed.S.
Superintendent

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